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Applicants' submission of an information disclosure statement (IDS) on January 23, 2007 has been considered. The IDS as filed does not affect the allowance of previously indicated allowed claims. The claimed catalyst distinguishes over the catalyst of the prior art cited on PTO-1449 form because the prior art does not teach a catalyst comprising a combination of a noble metal, a perovskite-type composite oxide, and at least one of theta-alumina and alpha-alumina as recited in applicants' claim 1.

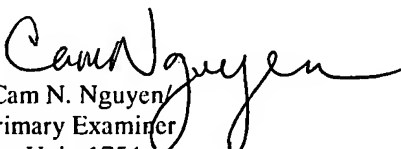
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